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SUBJECT: TWO IDF OFFICERS ARRESTED ON BRIBERY CHARGE

1. ISRAELI PRESS BEGAN REPORTING ON SEPTEMBER 22 THAT TWO IDF QUARTERMASTER OFFICERS, A LIEUTENANT COLONEL GRANIT (GREENBAUM) AND A MAJOR ZEEVI, WERE ARRESTED IN ISRAEL ON SEPTEMBER 17 ON SUSPICION OF ACCEPTING BRIBES WHILE SERVING IN THE IDF PURCHASING MISSION IN NEW YORK. THE TWO ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING ACCEPTED SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH DISGUISED AS PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED. REPORTEDLY THEY HAVE ADMITTED TO RECEIVING FUNDS FROM AN AMERICAN COMPANY. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT TOTAL AMOUNTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY \$20,000, ALTHOUGH PRESS ESTIMATES RUN HIGHER. THE MAJOR WORKED IN THE MISSION DURING 1971-74, WHILE THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL WORKED THERE DURING 1973-75. THE TWO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PURCHASE FROM AMERICAN SUPPLIERS OF SPARE PARTS FOR IDF MOTOR VEHICLES.

2. THE COMPANY WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE GIVEN THE BRIBES WAS ORIGINALLY AN ISRAELI CONCERN SET UP FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE SPARE PARTS, AND RE-OPENED IN U.S. BY COMBINATION OF FORMER ISRAELIS, ISRAELI BUSINESSMEN, AND AMERICANS UNDER NAME OF R.D.T., INC. THIS COMPANY ALSO HAS A SUBSIDIARY IN ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO PRESS, IRS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION OF THE FIRMS BOOKS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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COVERED A SUSPICIOUS PAYMENT OF SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS

"FOR TECHNICAL ADVICE" TO THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI PURCHASING TEAM. THE AMERICAN INVESTIGATORS BROUGHT THIS INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ISRAELI CONSULATE WHICH IN TURN INFORMED THE MILITARY POLICE IN ISRAEL. FBI IS ALSO INVESTIGATING AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFFAIR, ACCORDING TO PRESS.

3. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TWO OFFICERS WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTED THAT MILITARY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE ARRESTS OF THE TWO WOULD BE THE END OF THE INVESTIGATION, BUT MAARIV QUOTED RELIABLE SOURCES AS SAYING THE INVESTIGATION WILL WIDEN WITH FURTHER ARRESTS TO BE MADE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN CASES OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS BRIBING IDF OFFICERS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ISRAELI OFFICERS WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES FROM A FOREIGN CONTRACTOR. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS STORY MAY BE ATTEMPT TO SMOKE OUT OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE CASE.
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